

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 110

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rochelle Wright upon being selected as the 2011 Teacher of the Year for the Franklin Special School District.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle Wright is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for the Franklin Special School District (FSSD), an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle Wright is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Ms. Wright has skillfully taught school for eleven years as a third grade teacher at Poplar Grove School; and

WHEREAS, she earned her undergraduate degree in elementary education and health science from Bradley University, where she began her career in education as a teacher assistant; and

WHEREAS, an active and important member of her profession and community, this innovative and inspiring leader in education has shared her vast knowledge and sage insights with her fellow educators in a variety of capacities, including service as the third grade representative on the Building Leadership Team, Chair of the school's Diversity Committee, Chair of the Assessment and Organizational Effectiveness for the School Improvement Planning

process, in addition to serving as a cooperating teacher for futures teachers from local universities, including Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, and Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright has participated in numerous educational activities; she is a member of the FSSD Design Team and the textbook adoption committee, she assists in an after-school tutoring program and a community-based ACT preparation program known as In Full Motion, which provides instructional services, test-taking practice, and free ACT test admissions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, graciously donating her time and energies to numerous organizations, such as the Nashville Rescue Mission, R.H. Boyd United Way Group, Girl Scouts of America, and actively serving her church's Sunday school program; and

WHEREAS, Rochelle Wright truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wright epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rochelle Wright upon being selected as the 2011 Teacher of the Year for the Franklin Special School District, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.